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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

TOWN OF RUMNEY,

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

Treasurer, Overseer of the Poor,
School Committee, &c.,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1, 1883.

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Treasurer's Report.

J. W. Peppard, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Rumney:

To cash of J. L. Dearborn, late treasurer,	$1,006 09
J. W. Pease, collector,	125 00
" "	53 31
" "	400 00
J. M. Clark, endorsed on note,	200 00
J. W. Pease, collector,	184 00
" "	325 00
" "	246 00
" "	213 50
" "	197 00
" "	330 00
J. M. Clark, endorsed on note,	200 00
" plank, pelts and barbed wire sold,	19 35
J. W. Pease, collector,	369 61
To interest on money loaned,	8 00
use of railroad stock,	1 00
railroad tax,	588 65
savings bank tax,	315 84
literary fund,	107 64
To cash of J. W. Pease, collector,	507 75
O. W. Stevens, guardian of I. R. Wall, the amount paid G. E. Goodhue by town in 1874,	16 00
J. M. Clark, endorsed on note,	100 00
J. W. Pease, collector,	71 85
C. A. Holden, collector 1879, overpaid on percentage,	3 74
J. L. Davis, interest on his note,	1 00
	$5,590 33

Various Claims.

Daniel Darling, births and deaths,	$5 25
A. C. Hall, " "	2 25
E. H. Elliott, repair of schoolhouse and fence, 1881,	50 00
Geo. Whicher, abatement on dog, 1881,	1 00
J. W. Heath, school notices, 1881,	75
" births and deaths,	2 00
E. C. Eastman, book and stationery,	3 52
J. W. Pease, lighting bridge six months,	10 00
" tax bills,	1 31
H. P. Goodrich, scale beams, weights and measures,	68 10
H. R. Ford, trunk and chest for " "	6 37
E. G. Doe, running town lines and money paid surveyor,	8 60
J. W. Pease, lighting bridge six months,	10 00
J. L. Emerton, abatement of tax on dog, 1881,	1 00
French & Merrill, damage to sled,	5 00
E. G. Kelley, taking down fence,	4 00
Gardner Avery, damage to wagon,	4 50
Van N. Bass, printing reports, 1882,	12 00
Lyman Merrill, stationery and books,	81
Alonzo Kenniston, sheep killed by dogs,	12 00
Burleigh & Adams, term fee and advice,	11 00
C. B. Griswold, costs, indictment on record,	10 76
J. M. Clark, paid surveyor town line,	2 00
" express on weights and measures,	1 50
" stationery, stamp and chest lock,	1 55
Lydia C. Avery, note and interest, schoolhouse District No. 8,	166 75
County tax,	1,203 70
State tax,	780 00
J. D. Colburn, sheep killed by dogs,	9 00
J. H. Moulton, " "	2 50
G. B. Sargent, stamps for weights and measures,	2 00
J. W. Pease, abatement of tax, being illegal,	2 96
Willie Wells, sheep killed by dogs,	1 50
A. R. Marston, abatement tax on horse died,	45
B. A. Hull, sheep killed by dogs,	3 00
G. C. Jones, driving and care of hearse,	18 75

G. C. Jones, use of hall for town purposes,	$30 00	
C. E. Watts, for Schoolhouse District No. 9,	25 00	
D. D. Kenniston, sheep killed by dogs,	22 00	
Charles Spalding, " "	10 00	
E. G. Doe, work on cemetery,	7 50	
Charles Spaulding, to pay claims as overseer of poor,	233 27	
O. D. Doe, care of tomb,	5 00	
E. H. Elliott, constable, 1881,	1 00	
		$2,759 55

School Money.

District No. 1,	$67 64	
2,	205 31	
3,	99 87	
4,	117 93	
5,	100 67	
6,	266 67	
7,	130 66	
8,	93 38	
9,	76 78	
11,	89 61	
		$1,248 51

Town Officers.

Paid J. M. Clark, selectman,	$68 13	
E. G. Doe, "	56 80	
V. E. Atwood, "	35 15	
C. A. Chase, town clerk,	25 00	
J. W. Peppard, town treasurer,	25 00	
David Abbott, supervisor,	8 75	
J. C. Atwood, "	8 75	
J. W. Pease, collector,	45 34	
		$272 92

Watering Troughs.

Paid Daniel Abbott,	$3 00	
J. D. Colburn,	3 00	
B. A. Hall,	1 50	
Amos Craig estate,	1 00	
Timothy Harris,	1 50	
A. T. Weeks,	2 00	
		$12 00

Bounty on Crows.

Paid J. M. Clark,	$0 20	
E. G. Doe,	2 40	
		$2 62

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1.

George W. Payne, breaking roads,		$7 65

District No. 2.

N. L. Shaw, plank and work on bridge,	$30 42	
Charles Spalding, work on highway, and posts,	11 26	
Parker French, " "	92	
J. W. Pease, " "	1 27	
Charles Pease, " "	17 00	
C. C. Smart, " " and brick dust,	6 95	
John French, taking down fence two years,	1 00	
		$68 82

District No. 3.

A. M. Buzzell, work on highway and timber furnished,	$23 64	
Joshua Pillsbury, work on bridges,	10 50	
C. D. Greeley, " "	14 00	
H. Eastman, " "	2 00	
J. H. Haines, " "	1 25	
Charles Spalding, lumber furnished,	18 57	
W. W. Fales, lumber for Hall and Groton bridges,	185 53	
		$255 49

District No. 4.

B. H. Merrill, work on highway,	$1 76	
J. D. Colburn, " "	7 12	
B. W. Brown, bridge plank,	1 81	
Mahuran Haines, work on highway,	10 00	
O. E. Simpson, " "	6 00	
J. C. Atwood, stone work,	3 50	
S. J. Kenniston, breaking roads,	3 49	
N. E. Atwood, work on highway,	10 00	
J. D. Colburn, timber furnished,	8 66	
		$63 34

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Moses Foster, work on highway,	$3 75	
Lewis Hall, " "	38 27	
Arch'b'ld Marston, " "	1 25	
A. R. Marston, " "	17 76	
J. W. Burnham, " "	11 80	
J. P. Burnham, " " and cemetery,	4 00	
B. H. Merrill, " "	3 37	
Jonathan Roberts, " " and cemetery,	3 73	
N. E. Atwood, " " "	28 80	
J. A. Colburn, " "	3 30	
B. W. Brown, bridge plank,	12 82	
B. A. Hall, breaking roads,	19 93	
		$148 78

DISTRICT NO. 6.

A. T. Weeks, work on highway,	$17 44	
Eben Ray, " "	1 61	
N. S. & C. F. Sanborn, work on highway,	16 53	
W. F. Ray, " "	3 50	
A. Toncheau, " "	5 85	
M. H. Kelley, railing poles,	2 00	
J. M. Clark, iron for railing,	4 00	
		$50 93

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Guy A. Clifford, work on highway,	69	
Charles E. Bunker, posts,	1 44	
Charles Spaulding, shingles for river bridge,	53 07	
Hiram Lufkin, shingling river bridge,	16 73	
Herbert & Chase, nails shingling river bridge,	3 04	
W. W. Fales, lumber,	2 04	
		$77 00

DISTRICT NO. 8.

C. D. Kelley, work on bridge and cemetery,	3 68	
T. G. Stevens, " "	5 75	
O. D. Doe, work on highway and plank,	2 65	
W. W. Fales, lumber for Stevens bridge,	86 87	
E. G. Doe, work on bridge and cash paid,	7 50	
		$106 45

DISTRICT NO. 9.

B. B. Clark, breaking roads, 1881-82,	$6 25	
J. P. Keyes, " "	7 00	
" work on highway.	6 78	
E, P. Chapman, work on bridge,	1 25	
J, M. Clark, work moving Mrs, Quincy's wire fence,	5 00	
" work and spikes furnished for river bridge,	11 62	
" taking down fence,	5 00	
" part payment for breaking roads, 1882-83,	20 00	
Charles Spalding, plank for river bridge,	48 72	
		$111 62

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Ira Bellville, work on highway,	$4 00	
E. O. Spalding, " " and breaking roads,	17 50	
Silas Spencer, " "	88	
Wm. M. Lane, " "	60	
J. C. Keyes, " "	1 62	
		$24 60

DISTRICT NO. 11.

E. C. Spalding, work on highway,	$4 00	
Fred Bellville, " "	2 70	
H. G. Coldon, " "	9 27	
Augustine Wescott, " "	1 00	
Hiram Wescott, " "	1 62	
A. P. Melindy, " "	5 25	
Henry Plummer, " "	2 82	
W. R. Park, " " 1880,	10 00	
Ira O. Heath, " "	10 79	
F. H. Coldon, " "	1 44	
		$48 89

DISTRICT NO. 12.

G. D. Keniston, work on highway and repairing drills,	$4 30	
N. M. Emerson, work on highway,	3 75	
C. H. Elliott, " " 1881,	5 00	
E. H. & J. B. Elliott, lumber,	18 09	
W. W. Fales, lumber,	5 97	
Daniel Abbott,, taking down fence,	50	
E. G. Doe, work on highway,	7 50	
		$45 11

District No. 13.

L. F. Lawrence, work on highway, 1881,	$11 25	
Wm. C. Buzzell, " "	20 82	
J. W. Wright, " "	1 62	
John Watts " "	17 80	
Alonzo Avery, " " and lumber,	6 49	
B. F, Brown, lumber,	16 75	
E. H. & J. B. Elliott, lumber,	4 08	
C. E. Watts, work on highway,	6 87	
B. F. Brown, lumber, 1881,	1 86	
W. W. Fales, work on highway,	29 00	
		$116 53

District No. 14.

Levi Bacon, work on highway,	$8 38	
Ellott D. Hall, " "	3 12	
Frank Avery, " "	4 37	
B. F. Mead, " "	7 75	
Nathan Collins, " "	5 86	
Stephen Willie, " "	3 21	
Hiram E. Elliott, " "	10 37	
		$43 06

District No. 15.

John Hooper, work on highway,	$0 75	
L. H. Loveland, " "	49 10	
G. W. Blake, " "	73	
Samuel Willougby, 3 stone culverts,	11 00	
Samuel Willoughby, work on highway,	8 76	
W. S. Hutchins, " "	27 06	
C. H. Greeley, " "	17 50	
Charles Downing, " "	7 97	
Dennis County, " "	1 63	
W. W. Fales, lumber,	24 30	
		$148 80

Around Pond.

B. F. Brown, breaking roads, 1881-82,	$6 00	
Charles Hutchins, labor on highway,	4 25	
		$10 25

RECAPITULATION.

To amount brought forward,	$5,590 33	
Due J. W. Peppard,	32 58	
		$5,622 91
By paid various claims,	$2,759 55	
Highways and bridges,	1,327 32	
Schools,	1,248 52	
Town officers,	272 92	
Watering troughs	12 00	
Crows,	2 60	
		$5,622 91

Assets.

John. M. Clark, note,	$1,477 98	
Charles Spalding, "	158 69	
J. L. Davis and C. A. Holden, note,	9 96	
D. A. Kent and G. D. Keniston, note,	5 81	
21 shares R. R. Stock,	210 00	
	$1,862 44	
Due J. W. Peppard,	32 58	
		$1,829 86

I hereby certity that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the town treasury March 1, 1883,

J. W. Peppard, Treasurer.

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Rumney, March 1, 1883,

C. B. Simpson, Auditor.

Report of the Overseer of the Poor.

STATEMENT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

Whole number of paupers helped during the year: County paupers, 35; town paupers, 2; tramps, 8.

Amount in hands of Overseer as per report,	$24 21
Amount paid by town and due from County as per report,	91 29
May 1, County order,	161 76
Nov. 1, "	147 70
Mar. 1, received of town,	233 27
	$658 23

COUNTY CHARGES ALLOWED AND PAID BY COUNTY FROM NOV. 1, 1881 to MAY 1. 1882.

Daniel B. Elliott,		$26 00
Presby Craig to Lyman Merrill,	$9 23	
" Atwood Colburn,	10 37	
" Charles Spalding,	1 66	
" E. O. Spalding,	10 00	
" Dr. Darling,	7 50	38 76
Elbridge Straw to Lyman Merrill,		8 78
Edward Plouffe to C. Spalding,		13 15
Lewis Robinson,		35 67
John Stevens to Ada Stevens,		20 00
J. Worth's family, sent to farm,		1 20
Transient,		4 00
Transient, Drs. Sanborn & Burns,		13 00
Wm. Smith, sent to farm,		1 20
		$161 76

County Charges Allowed and Paid by County from May 1, to Nov. 1, 1882.

Daniel B. Elliott,		$26 00
Eliza A. Gilpatrick to Mrs. Hall,		19 50
Eunice Davis to Dr. Darling,	11 25	
"	3 00	
" to H. R. Ford,	10 00	
" C. Spalding,	17 00	
" Dr. Burns,	2 40	
" boy to L. Merrill,	5 22	48 97
Presby Craig to E. P. Chapman,	37 40	
" Dr. Darling,	16 25	
" L. Merrill,	90	
" H. R. Ford,	10 00	
" O. D. Doe,	2 00	
" C. Spalding,	2 00	
	$68 55	
Received by sale of Craig's effects,	24 89	
		$43 66
John W. Tucker to Mrs. Hall,		4 00
Winslow, transient, H. R. Ford,	$3 57	
" " C. Spalding,	2 00	
		5 57
		$147 70

March 1, 1883.

County Charges Due from County and Paid by Town from Nov. 1 to Date.

Mrs. Hattie Wescott to C. Spalding,	$4 30
Mrs. Mary Straw to "	3 84
" Mrs. Gardner Avery,	2 12
" Dr. Darling,	12 50
Charles Nelson to C. Spalding,	23 06
Presby Craigs to J. P. Keyes,	8 70
D. B. Elliott,	17 00
Willard Barrett to L. Merrill,	8 00
" C. Spalding,	18 03
Eunice Davis to Dr. Fowler,	15 00
" O. D. Doe,	2 50

Stephen Moss to L. Merrill,	$4 00	
Eliza A. Gilpatrick to Mrs. Hall,	12 75	
		$131 80

TOWN EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

Charles Haines. board of H. H. Haines,	$78 00	
Mrs. Hodge, board of Rial Avery,	92 00	
Eunice Davis, dis. on H. R. Ford's bill,	11 07	
Presby Craig, " "	4 40	
Burleigh & Adams, legal advice on Mary Hodge case,	3 00	
O. W. Stevens, for taking depositions,	8 50	
Charles Spalding, taking care 8 tramps,	4 00	
Stationery, stamps, etc.,	1 00	
Charles Spalding, services as overseer of poor,	15 00	
		$219 97
Whole amount of town expenses,	$216 97	
Amount paid by town and due from county,	131 80	
Whole amount paid by county,	309 46	
		$658 23

I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast. C. B. SIMPSON, Auditor.

School Report.

In presenting the annual report your committee would take occasion to say that the schools have been uniformly successful. The teachers have in most instances brought into their schools the results of ripe experience and methodical training for their work. They have labored with untiring zeal for the benefit of those under their charge, and have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts have been duly appreciated.

The committee who had charge of the schools for the greater part of the year reports all the schools as well conducted and profitable, with no difficulties or disturbances to call for his intervention with one single exception.

The interest manifested by the parents and friends of the scholars would seem to be on the increase. A large number of visitors' names appear on the registers, including in Districts Nos. 1, 5 and 7 the prudential committee. The committees in the remaining seven districts evidently considered that their duties began with engaging the teacher and ended with paying the salary, "only this and nothing more." Would they have hired any other class of persons to perform any other labor without exercising some sort of supervision? Is the moral and mental training of our children of so little comparative worth and importance, or is the fact that they are nominally under the charge of a teacher sufficient warrant for this inexcusable neglect?

But whatever may be said of our schools the fact remains that less than one-half our schoolhouses are fitted for their purpose. I may go further and say that there are but two out of the ten which have been built with an intelligent view to the comfort and well-being of scholar and teacher. Districts Nos. 3 and 8 have set examples which some other districts might follow with material benefit to the rising generation.

In the matter of school furnishing, with the single exception of blackboards, the showing is still worse. One wall map, in District No. 1, constitutes the entire possession of the eleven schools as reported in the registers. Clocks, globes, books of reference, illustrative apparatus,

school library, charts? No—Not any—are the replies in every instance. Our temples of learning are severe in their simplicity. The "rugged hill of science" has no beautiful surroundings. We adorn our homes with exquisite taste. We confine our children for six mortal hours each day within four bare walls, on hard, uncomfortable benches, with nothing to relieve the monotony unless it be a furtive glance through the window. Is it a wonder that they do not always take kindly to the barnlike structure, nor profit by the instructions given under such unfavorable conditions? Let every one interested see to it that there be some improvement in this direction.

The entire amount of school revenue for the past year was $1,249.61. Of this amount $720.12 was raised by direct tax. The literary fund, $86.86, $120.63 of the savings bank tax, and $200 from the town treas-treasury were appropriated. The dogs contributed $152 to the educational fund.

The largest sum appropriated to any one District was $266.67. The smallest ditto, $67.64. $170 was raised by school district taxes for the purpose of building and repairing school houses. The whole number of scholars, who have attended school two weeks or more during the year is 247. Number of visits by school committee, 43. For further information see annexed tabular report.

S. D. BAKER, Supt. School Committee of Rumney.

Statistical Table.

No. of District.	Term.	Name of Teacher.	Length of school in weeks.	Whole number of pupils.	No. of pupils attending to the following studies.								
					Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Reading	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Algebra.	History.	Book-keeping.
1	.1	Grace A. Stevens,.....	7	10	6	1	4	10	10	6	..	..	..
	.2	Frances A. George,.....	10	12	5	3	5	12	12	6	..	3	..
2	.1	Ardelle W. Chase,.....	10	22	16	5	12	22	22	13	1	2	..
	.2	" "	10	21	16	5	10	21	21	15	..	3	..
	.3	M. Emma Merrill,.....	10	17	16	17	8	17	17	15	2	1	..
3	.1	Lucie E. Reed,.....	8	18	6	1	1	18	18	3	..	..	1
	.2	" "	10	29	15	1	9	29	29	10	..	..	3
4	.1	Ellen G. Whitmore,...	8	14	13	5	10	14	14	14	..	..	..
	.2	Elma C. Foster, ...	8	14	12	3	10	15	15	12	..	1	..
	.3	" "	4	13	12	3	10	13	13	12	..	2	..
5	.1	Susie C. Simpson,.....	9	16	10	4	10	16	16	16	..	..	..
	.2	Mary E. Pillsbury	10	22	14	6	11	22	22	14	2	..	1
	.3	" "	12	22	16	9	13	22	22	16	4	..	..
*6	.1	Climenia F. Elliott,	8	28	21	..	8	28	28	23	..	..	..
	.2	" "	12	35	23	..	9	35	35	24	..	..	..
†6	.1	M. Emma Merrill,.....	8	23	21	10	9	22	22	22	4	..	..
	.2	Wm. J. Spalding.....	12	31	31	5	13	31	31	29	8	..	..
7	.1	Ella M. French,.....	9	15	11	..	8	15	15	11	..	3	..
	.2	Persis M. Plummer...	10	13	12	2	11	13	13	6	..	3	..
8	.1	Hattie F. Craig,.....	8	12	10	2	7	12	12	10	..	1	..
	.2	May L. Nelson.....	14	18	15	..	12	18	18	13	..	1	..
9	.1	Etta E. Foster,.....	13	12	8	..	3	12	12	5	..	..	..
11	.1	Mamie L. Perkins,....	10	15	6	..	2	15	15	4	..	..	..
	.2	" "	12	13	8	..	3	13	13	6	..	..	..

* Primary. † Grammar.

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